COUNT VON MOLTKE. From the London Spectator, The immense, and, as it were, self-dependent strength of the Prussian monarchy is shown in nothing so clearly as in the way the Hohenzollerns have maintained the tradition of thriftiness in the bestowal of rewards. They have never had to buy anybody. From first to last, from the first King to the first Emperor, the sovereigns of Prussia have been exceptionally independent within their dominions—have been as individuals wealthy, and have followed a bold, far-reaching, and ambitious line of policy. With territories little larger than Holland, and a country far less rich, they claimed and maintained a position among the mightiest potentates of the world, resented the faintest slight to an Ambassador, and scarcely acknowledged precedence even in the Emperor of Germany. They have occupied precisely the position which tempts men to spend most lavishly, yet they have maintained for 150 years, through six generations—in their official policy as in their household management—a tradition of thrift, pushed often to cheeseparing parsi-One man in the line was a kind of Northern Bourbon, wasting wealth in sterile magnificence and coarse voluptuousness; but he did not break the tradition, and to this hour the Hohenzollerns are served better than any Princes of Europe, and give their servants smaller rewards. Nobody in Prussia is paid anything like the worth of his work. The whole aristocracy is drawn into the army by salaries which would disgust English bank clerks, while the clite of the cultivated, men usually without means, are formed into an effective bureaucracy, and paid less than English clergymen. A general is paid like an English captain, and a prefect like a superior clerk, while the majority of the bu-reaucracy, which initiates and directs and There is something galling to men who be-lieve that the tools should go to the workmen moderates all things in Prussia, which governs in the highest sense of that misused word, are compelled to practise an economy which English Dissenting ministers or Scotch schoolmasters would deem painful. A rigid, unsparing economy pervades every department, and has so penetrated officials as to become a kind of point of honor, as if waste or even expensiveness were in themselves just a little discreditable. To this hour, the King, who has become by suc-cessive accretions of wealth one of the richest princes in Europe—perhaps the richest in personal income—thinks it

no shame to send to a city in distress which he keenly desires to conciliate 5000 thalers, or £750, and would feel genuine surprise if informed that the sum was not very great. In the midst of incessant battles with Parliament for money, the Schloss treasure-£7,000,000-bas never been teuched except for war, and the State commences a grand campaign, the greatest of our century, with a loan whick London would take up at a bite and forget in a day. The extra amount of public money expended as yet in this war by Germany is not £20,000,000, and though £16,000,000 more were recently asked for, the departments have found, time to reduce the demand to twelve. Part of this economy due, no doubt, to the practice of levying requisitions, taught by the First Napoleon to Germany; but its main support is a thrift so determined that the plunderers have given up the game in despair, and as a Prussian official once said to the writer, "Our-treasury is not afraid even of a dockyard." This rigor not only continues under the present administration, but is slightly intensined, "many small peculations having been suppressed," and pushed in some departments almost into cruelty. The Prussian hospital service, for example, is penurious to an unjust degree. There are not enough surgeons, no comforts are allowed, not even hospital clothes, men with broken limbs still wearing their cheap rough uniforms. Quinine, chloral, good wine, everything that costs money, is always, the international surgeons report, wanting, and the disuse of chloroform is partly due to a dislike for an expense which a little more 'fortitude' in the victims of war would render needless. No Seneral, however high, makes a fortune; Baron von Dreyse receives a modest wage, and we doubt if Sir Joseph Whitworth would reckon Krupp as rich. The State in Prussia accepts your services, it does not buy them; and yet those services are exceptionally well rendered. There is not,

worth £50,000 in open market; and Baron von Moltke still less, a sum, if we remember rightly, of about £15,000. Nor is this chariness of money made up by any lavishness of honors or carelessness in social discipline. The King is in the last resort master of every man, and accounts have been published, obviously correct, of the great Chancellor's dangers from a group of legitimist old ladies who constantly, by their influence with the King, thwarted his best-laid plans. If the world is not utterly misinformed, he has had to resign once or twice, and even now he remains just what he was: Count Bismarck Schonhausen-master in one way of the world, but hopelessly unable to contend with the stern old officer who is indebted to him for supremacy in Europe, for a position which fulfils the dreams of German legend-makers, and might make Frederick the Great leap under his stone shroud with exultation—chief among the statesmen of Europe, but still the "faithful servant of my august" and not very intellectual "master." It was widely rumored after Sadowa that Count Bismarck would receive the little enclave which is still, we believe, kept in some way separate from Prussia, and would be Duke of Lauenburg, but Prussians only smiled at the report. He serves the Hohenzollerns, they said, not Napoleon; and so it proved. Honor enough to him that the King accepts his advice. The routine observed towards the Chancellor is intelligiblefor after all he only makes history-but we confess, fully as we had recognized the policy of the great German dynasty in this matter of rewards, the cold thrift of honor as well as money which makes every star so valuable—we have felt a faint the measure meted surprise at the measure meted out to Von Moltke. He wins campaigns. He is the greatest in the field which the King best knows. The precise place which General von Meltke will hold in military history is still perhaps uncertain. | He has never yet, either in 1864, or in 1866, or in 1870, been opposed to a reasonably good tactician, an equal army, or a formidable strategist. Beating the Danes, when they had only muskets, was poor work; and Benedek, perhaps ham-pered by secret instructions, proved but a feeble opponent; while in France he has

so far as we know, an instance in Prussian

history of a State servant having been re-

warded as Marlborough was, or Wellington,

or even Lord Hardinge or Lord Dalhousie.

A sum was voted after Sadowa to the King,

to distribute among his highest servants; but

Count Bismarck, who had given Prussia the

supremacy in Germany, received only an

estate large indeed in acreage, but not

sion he was defeated, and that August 16 should be credited to Marshal Bazaine, who, had he had but powder, would have retained the honors of the day. But generalship must be judged by its results, and judging by results, no sovereign ever had such a servant as General von Moltke, who, having first reorganized an army in which no soldier had ever seen a shot fired, having formed s school of generals and remade the scientific services, so guided that army as in a campaign of seven weeks to strike down the Austrian Empire, and then in a campaign of three months to subjugate the greatest of military monarchies. So far as close and scientific observers can detect, General von Moltke has been in this tremendous campaign the Providence of the German army, has planned everything, foreseen everything, has never thrown away a life, and never missed a spring. His single brain has been worth a hundred thousand men, worth all Napoleon was to the French army, and on his seventieth birthday the King of Prussia makes his mighty general a Count, promotes him one step in the social hierarchy, as it were in recognition en passant of sound advice lent to him, the King, in his management of the war. A few days afterwards he makes two Princes of his own blood, who doubtless have fought well and succeeded. but who are nevertheless only efficient in-struments in Von Moltke's hands, Field-Marshals, the superiors in the military hierarchy of the genius who has led them to victory and empire. In that realm of thought which of all others he understands, in the very moment of supreme triumph, with his wholesoul subjected to the advice which yet he will not reward, the greatest Prince in the world coldly and deliberately prefers to the claim of genius that of blood, and signifies to mankind that if his generals master earth, they remain his family servants still.

in such a distribution of honor, but while we protest, we are not blind to the strength manifest in such acts. They show that the terrible weakness of all new governments, the necessity of buying support, is absent from the Prussian monarchy. The State, and the King as its representative, have no need to conciliate any individual, not even the man who seems to work out victory as if it were a problem in the Calculus. He is bidden to work it out, and what higher inducement could there be? Had a Republic employed Von Moltke, it must have dreaded his ambition. Had he served Napoleon, Napoleon must have loaded him down with honors and wealth and territories, have filled him fat with spoil to bind him to his side, and even then must have dreaded in him a rival, a foe, or a successor. The King quietly admires and trusts. He has no need to bribe. He can be endangered by no rival, threatened by no enmity, undermined by no individual opponent. He is there, master by right of birth, in victory as in defeat, too strong for even the semblance of hostility, as far beyond assault as if his power were self-derived, able to acknowledge aid, or to reward high service, or to abstain from rewarding them, and sure, whichever he does, to be held to have acted as became a king. If he hangs up his worn-out sword in the place of honor, lo! what a gracious king; if he flings it away, lo! what a master of the severest statecraft. Von Moltke has done his duty, and what can king say more? It is difficult to read of this countship without a slight feeling of contempt for such niggardliness in the bestowal even of honors, or without a deep respect or the organization which is so str need scarce be just to a soldier at whose name the fighting world grows pale.

THE SITE OF PARADISE.—Among the papers read at the British Association in London was one by Sir Henry Rawlinson on the site of the Terrestrial Paradise. He supposes the geographical description in Genesis ii to be derived not from Iranian mythology, but Babylonian tradition. "Gan-eden," or the Garden of Eden, is in his opinion a Hebrew modification of one of the old vernacular names of Babylonia-"Gan-duni," "Gan' signifying apparently an enclosure, while "Duni" was the name of a deity. The four rivers are the Tigris and the Euphrates, the Surrapi and the Ukni, i. e., the eastern arm of the Tigris and the western of the Euphrates. Cush (rendered in the authorized version Ethiopia) is one of the primitive capitals of Babylonia. It is needless to add that, as at present stated, this theory is much less plausible than that which connects the narrative in Genesis with Iranian myths, especially as the serpent, and the Tree of Life with its guardian cherubim, are still unexplained from Babylonian sources.

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